

RESOLUTION

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Michigan, has a proud history of supporting our nation's military, and will continue its critical role as part of the supplier base for the F-35; and

WHEREAS, the F-35 program creates advanced-technology jobs that build a highly-skilled workforce essential to our national security and economic prosperity here in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the members of our armed services need the latest technology supporting them as they protect our nation and ensure peace around the world; and

WHEREAS, there is currently discussion in Congress about continuing full funding and production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; and

WHEREAS, threats to peace and our national interests are continuing to emerge; and

WHEREAS, the F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft ever built, and is needed to replace the aging fleet of military aircraft that have been in use for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the F-35 will not only provide needed support of our nation's military, but will also strengthen our international alliances and ensure the success of our peacekeeping missions; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been investing in the production of the F-35 for more than a decade and will lose the benefits of this investment if full funding and planned production are not continued.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Michigan, that we recommend the United States Congress recognize the importance of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to the City of Jackson, the state of Michigan, the United States, and our allies around the world by supporting funding for the F-35 program.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the U.S. Senate Joseph Biden, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Tim Walberg, and the additional members of the Michigan Congressional delegation.

State of Michigan)
County of Jackson) ss
City of Jackson)

I, Lynn Fessel, City Clerk in and for the City of Jackson, County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Jackson City Council on the 10th day of January, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature and the Seal of the City of Jackson, Michigan, on this 11th day of January, 2012.

 City Clerk